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1. The organization of the Kuantung Bureau by Chinese Communist leaders under Soviet direction began when it became apparent that the Central Government would not take over Port Arthur and Dairen as planned. It was established in Port Arthur, with headquarters in the former Japanese courthouse. The Bureau has eight departments and a secretariat.

2. The organization of the Bureau is as follows:

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KUANTUNG BUREAU

Chairman: CH'IH Tsou-hsiang (遲子祥)

Vice Chairman: CH'IAO Chih-man-chueh (喬傳詒)

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Note: Previously reported as CH'IAO Ch'u-an-yu

(喬專鉉)

LIU Hsin-yuan (劉辛垣)

Office of Secretary: Chief: LI Shih-yuang (李世光)

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Note: Previously reported as CH'EN Jui-ioung (陳桂光)

Reconstruction Department - P'ANG Ta-hai (龐大海)

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Note: Previously reported as chief of the Communication Department, which is not listed [REDACTED], but also reported before as head of the Reconstruction Department.)

Vice-chief unknown. He is a native of Shantung.

Industry Department

CH'EN Lin-ji (陳民立)

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Note: Previously reported as CH'EN Li-min, same characters.)

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CHANG Yu-tsun (張有宣)

[REDACTED] Note: Previously reported as chief of the Commercial and Industrial Bureau of the Dairen Municipal Government. May hold both positions.)

Education Department

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SUN (孫)

[REDACTED] Note: Previously reported: SUN Chung-lih (孫承烈) as chief of this department.

Commerce Department

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WU (吳)

[REDACTED] Note: Previously reported: WU Cheng-chiu (吳成九) as head of this department.)

Forestry Department

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LIN Chi-yung (林基永)

[REDACTED] Note: This department previously reported as the Agriculture and Forestry Department.)

Finance Department

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SUNG Ch'eng-shan (宋承善)

Sanitation Department

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YANG Feng-ting (楊鳳廷)

Civil Administration Department

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CHANG Chi-hyien (張治遠)

3. Ostensibly the Chinese Communist Party does not control the politics of the Bureau: all chiefs, such as the chairman, department heads, and the mayor (of Dairen?) are local residents. However, these officials are chosen by Party Kan Pu (幹部) (superiors). The chiefs are all non-Party men. [REDACTED] Note: This may account for the appointment of HSU Hsien-chai 徐獻齋 as mayor of Dairen and CH'EN Yun-tso 陳雲濤 as vice-mayor; and the appointment of CH'IH Tzu-hsiang as chairman of the Kuantung Bureau, since CH'IH has been regarded as a mere figurehead from the time he became mayor of Dairen.) The holding of meetings, drafting of public speeches, drawing up of working plans and other such matters, are handled only by Party members. Policy decisions are submitted to the Soviet military authorities for approval before being put into practice, although the Chinese Communists attempt to show the population that local politics are completely independent.

4. Road structure department:

1. YANG Tai-hai is a native of Dairen. His father, now dead, was an official of the Dairen Chamber of Commerce during the Japanese occupation.
 2. Soviet military authorities supply the department with materials needed for reconstruction in return for service records and/or money. The department is presently repairing the Fort Arthur-Dairen Central Road, one of the three main routes between the two cities.
5. Industry Department: All industry on the Kuanping Peninsula, of which Dairen is the industrial center, is controlled by this department. Problems it faces are a lack of labor, heavy industrial machinery, which was shipped out by the Soviet Army; inability of small factories to pay the rates demanded by tax collectors, who have assumed from the local Chinese Communist Party propaganda that they are the

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25X1 population's most important citizens; and bankruptcy of certain factories because of inability to exert what goods they produce.

6. Education Department: This department's activities consist chiefly of disseminating anti-Kuomintang and anti-American propaganda in the schools through the teachers. Subjects discussed in recent teachers' meetings were: "When will the Kuomintang be destroyed?", "World War III: Feasible or Improbable?" (Probable or Improbable), "What 'ism' is practiced by the U.S.A.?" and "Kuomintang Treachery".
7. Commerce Department:
 - a. The department is not planning exert trade. At present only objects of an artistic nature are permitted for exert.
 - b. With the Nationalist blockade of the peninsula, the only item in which government-controlled and other concerns can deal is grain, control of which is about to be taken over by the military authorities. Government-controlled shops are run by Chinese Communist political workers who are protected and aided as merchants while carrying on their political work.
8. Forestry (and Agriculture?) Department: This department's main activity at present is encouraging the population to cultivate farms in barren areas, since the population is very dense and import routes have been cut off. Another problem it faces is the deforestation by the Soviets of the forested areas left by the Japanese forces.
9. Finance Department: No concrete policy regarding current financial difficulties has been promulgated since the establishment of this department.
10. Sanitation Department: This department controls the medical corps in all the cities and towns of the peninsula and the municipal hospital in Dairen.
11. Civil Administration Department: This department is at the head of a political structure based on the lu (村) (Shanghai Note: "a village of 25 families", according to Matthews' Dictionary) and Ch'u (区) (a district). No one is permitted to reside on the peninsula without a residential certificate. A strict census is taken at least twice a week.

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